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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT 2 relating to the eligibility of a relative or other designated 3 caregiver of a foster child for monetary assistance. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 264.760, Family Code, is amended to read 5 6 as follows: Sec. 264.760. ELIGIBILITY FOR FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS AND 7 PERMANENCY CARE ASSISTANCE. Notwithstanding any other provision of 8 this subchapter, a relative or other designated caregiver [who 9 becomes licensed by the department or verified by a licensed 10 child-placing agency or the department to operate a foster home, 11 12 foster group home, agency foster home, or agency foster group home 13 under Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, may elect to receive

foster care payments in lieu of the benefits provided by this

subchapter[, beginning with the first month in which the relative

or other designated caregiver becomes licensed or is verified].

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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